

CHARTER SCHOOL EDUCATOR AWARD

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A 50 percent tuition award for educators in CMU-authorized schools

Central Michigan University understands that effective educators are an essential part of student success in the classroom. This exciting opportunity will connect educators in CMU-authorized charter public schools with CMU's highly-rated advanced teacher education and educational leadership programs.

Through the program, teachers and school leaders in CMU-authorized schools can receive a 50 percent tuition award that directly offsets the tuition cost of eligible graduate degree programs in education from CMU's College of Education and Human Services.

This award is made possible through a partnership between CMU President Dr. George Ross, the College of Education and Human Services, CMU Global Campus, the Department of Teacher Education and Professional Development, the Department of Educational Leadership and The Governor John Engler Center for Charter Schools.

CMU CHARTER SCHOOL EDUCATOR AWARD ELIGIBILITY

The CMU Charter School Educator Award is for teachers and school leaders who are working in a CMU-authorized charter public school.

APPROVED CMU GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

The award applies to Master of Arts degrees in the following approved College of Education and Human Services graduate education programs:

- » **MA Education: Curriculum and Instruction**
- » **MA School Principalship: Emphasis in Charter School Leadership**
- » **MA School Principalship: Site-Based Leadership**
- » **MA Educational Technology**
- » **MA Reading and Literacy K-12**

AWARD PROGRAM DETAILS

- » Awards are available to 20 individuals each year.
- » To be eligible for the award, applicants must submit their CMU Master's degree program application by June 1.
- » Applicants must be a teacher or school leader of a CMU-authorized charter public school.

- » All degree program admission and award application requirements must be followed.
- » Awards are granted on a first come, first serve basis. The date your Master's degree program application is accepted determines your award position. This includes receipt of application fee.
- » The award is limited to the first 20 eligible individuals who submit an application and who are admitted into the degree program.
- » To maintain your position on the list for one of the 20 available awards, you must submit all required supplemental admission documentation. Awards will be granted after acceptance into your degree program.
- » Awards are available for use as soon as they are granted.
- » To continue receiving the award, students must:
 - Begin the program within two semesters of admission.
 - Maintain a GPA of 3.0 or higher.
 - Be continuously enrolled in at least one course each term.
 - Complete the degree program within 2.5 years of beginning the degree program.
 - Remain a teacher or school leader of a CMU-authorized charter public school.

APPLYING FOR THE AWARD

- » The application is available at apply.cmich.edu/home/GlobalCampus. The 20 awards are based on the submission date of the CMU Global Campus online graduate degree application.
- » The employer section of the online application must be completed.
- » In the application section titled "Final Steps," you will be asked, "Where did you hear about CMU?" You must select "Other." The "Other" dialog box will appear, where you must enter the code **CharterAward** in the blank to be considered for the award. By entering this code, you are verifying that you are currently employed at a school authorized by CMU.
- » If required by the degree program, all necessary admission materials must be submitted within the 30 days to keep your position for the award.
- » Your application, paid application fee and all required supplemental documents must be submitted before the application is accepted.
- » An Employment Verification Form will be sent to your employer after you are accepted into the program, and each year you continue in the program.
- » Admission into a degree program is determined by that department's admission policy. The Charter School Educator Award does not influence admission into the degree program.

For questions or more information about the graduate degree programs, the application process, or the CMU Charter School Educator Award, please contact Deb Starr-Alderink, Global Campus Financial Aid at 800-664-2681 (Option 2), or visit www.TheCenterForCharters.org/EducatorAward.

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